

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE VISA BULLETIN
REFLECTS CONTINUED UNAVAILABILITY OF
IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS FOR EMPLOYMENT-
BASED, THIRD PREFERENCE (EB-3) IMMIGRANT
CATEGORY**

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In its most recent Visa Bulletin the U.S. Department of State advises that immigrant visa numbers remain temporarily unavailable for applicants in the Employment-based, Third Preference (EB-3) immigrant category. The EB-3 category consists of applicants whose employment is skilled or requires only a Bachelors Degree. The EB-3 category could remain unavailable for several months, although there exists the possibility that a window of opportunity could open for filing Applications to Adjust Status for immigrants in the EB-3 category at the end of the present Fiscal Year and the beginning of FY 2006, during the months of September and October 2005. Should a narrow window of opportunity for such filings become available, it will be necessary to act immediately in order to file applications for applicants whose priority dates are current during these months.

Tindall & Foster will continue to monitor developments in the area of immigrant visa availability and will provide updates via future Email Bulletins and on our web site at http://www.tindallfoster.com/resources_bulletin.html as new information becomes available.